

the jane corridor

To keep our community informed

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WE'RE BACK!

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN



Photo by Bill Waicus

The story of **The Corridor** is centred on the work of volunteers—long hours, hard work, and sometimes little recognition.

Those who do the leg work delivering **The Corridor** to your home each month make up the largest group of all. At 11 years old, Derek likes model building, Star Wars (he's seen it 3 times), C B radios, and 'mag' wheels (especially when attached to black Corvettes!).

"Could you spare one Sunday morning delivering **The Corridor** along Sheppard Ave.?" "Sure. Why not?" was the answer. That's what community volunteering is all about!

Remember...?

... a plan to build six highrise apartment buildings on the north side of Finch Ave., west of Jane Street? The wheels... grind exceedingly slowly.

North York Council, at a public hearing on March 14, 1977, decided that the development would not be allowed. The developer has taken his next step in the process, which is to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board. The appeal was received but no date has been set. It is likely that the hearing will be

in the Spring of 1978.

Downsview Weston Action Community (DWAC), who spearheaded the fight against this development, have hired lawyer Brian Bucknall of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt to represent the community, both at Council and at the OMB.

Money is needed to pay the legal fees. Donations toward this cause will be welcomed. They can be mailed to DWAC, c/o P.O. Box 2201, Postal Station C, Downsview, Ontario.

The Jane Corridor is back and publishing again for the first time in eleven months, and this time we are here to stay!

To some the **Corridor** is an old friend come home again; to many more in our community the **Corridor** is something new they have heard rumours about but never seen. Please allow us to reintroduce ourselves.

The Jane Corridor is a community newspaper, published monthly by area volunteers, and hand distributed free of any charge to some 15,000 households throughout Ward 3. First published in April of 1974, the **Corridor**'s aim has always been "to keep our community informed" of events, meetings, and residents' views, and "to promote a spirit of community good-will, good fellowship and cooperation among community residents."

But few newspapers can run on love alone. The task of publishing a multi-cultural non-profit newspaper centres on establishing and maintaining a strong financial base. This has been, and remains, the greatest challenge facing **The Jane Corridor**, its Board of Directors and many dedicated volunteers and supporters.

of 1978.

None of these sources is satisfactory on a long term, permanent basis. A completely self-supporting paper based solidly on local advertising revenue is the only answer for a financially healthy **Corridor**. Gaining back the full confidence of area businessmen has been set as one of the major current objectives of the paper.

Another objective, the formidable job of reflecting clearly the diversity and cultural richness of some 55,000 people, is one not easily accomplished without the direct help of our readers.

We don't have an office full of reporters and photographers standing by to cover every story. We don't even have an office—yet. What we do have is staff who want to hear about your group, project or event, and far more who want to read all about it in the pages of **The Jane Corridor**.

Write us c/o **The Jane Corridor**, 2134 Sheppard Ave. W., Downsview, Ont. M3N 1A4, or phone us at one of the numbers listed on page 2.

We're finally back—and happy to be here.

Wish us luck!

Jane Student is TOPS

Arlene Hinds is a friendly, composed young woman of 14, who lives with her parents, her sister Brigitte and their dog Sascha on Artech Court in Yorktown community. The Hinds family came to the Jane-Finch area in 1973. Arlene attended Gosford Public School and is now in Grade 9 at Jane Jr. High School.

This year Arlene was presented with an award as one of the eight best Grade 8 students in North York. The award is given annually by B'nai Brith to students who are outstanding citizens in their school communities, as well as holding high academic standards. This is not the first time that a Jane student has won the award. Another ex-Gosford student, Colleen Broadhurst, won the award in 1974.

During her Grade 8 year,



music programme, Arlene could not attend her Grade 8 math class, but by working at home and with her teacher's assistance after school she completed the programme on her own.

In spite of this academic load, Arlene participated fully in sports activities, and was a student leader at Jane's Communication Labs, a series of 2-day seminars aimed at making students' self-image more positive. Wayne McRoberts, guidance teacher at Jane who lead the seminars, was very impressed with Arlene's ability to work with other students and with teachers. He said she was always supportive and dependable, and showed exceptional maturity—altogether an outstanding citizen.

Congratulations from **The Jane Corridor**, Arlene.



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Working meetings of the staff of The Jane Corridor are held at the Driftwood Community Centre, the first three Mondays of each month at 8:00 pm.

Board meetings are held at the Driftwood Centre on the fourth Monday of each month. All meetings are open.

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

DECEMBER 12th

Articles should be mailed to
The Jane Corridor
c/o 2134 Sheppard Ave. West
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PROVINCE LETTING TAXPAYERS DOWN

Last year's large property tax increase prompted hundreds of irate homeowners to phone their municipal representatives protesting the high cost of owning a home in North York. Now its time for 1978 budget planning and some councillors want to hear the public's opinion of whether services need to be cut, and, if so, what services can be cut.

At a public meeting held at Yorkwoods Library November 16th, people were told that maintaining the present level of services in North York will mean about an 8% increase in 1978. Controller Barbara Greene said that the 26% increase of last year was unique and had two major causes. The Borough's use of reserve funds held down tax increases for a few years but necessitated a large jump in returning to a true mill rate covering costs. Also, the school board's budget was hurt by a larger-than-expected cutback from the Provincial government. Controller Greene pointed out that we enjoy a very high level of service in North York but our rate of taxation is still the lowest in Metro Toronto.

The Province of Ontario is not helping by cutting back on grants to municipalities in Ontario. In an agreement made in 1974, the Province agreed to increase municipal grants as much as provincial income increased. However, this year D'Arcy McKeough announced that grants to municipalities would be in-

creased by only 5.9% while provincial income has risen by 8.4%. Additionally, each year, the Ministry of Education cuts back on grants given to local school boards, leaving the property tax payer paying more and more of the bill.

All three councillors, Controller Greene, Alderman O'Neill and Ward 5 Alderman Marilyn Meshberg expressed concern that municipalities are forced to bear more and more of the cost when many of the programs are provincially controlled. "The Borough should simply refuse to administer programs instituted and controlled by the Province unless the Province is willing to bear the cost," Pat O'Neill said.

The consensus of the meeting seemed to be that the current level of service should be maintained but not increased, public works maintenance programs should be deferred where possible, and luxuries should be eliminated. Committees of North York Council are now discussing next year's budget. Here are two items being discussed — \$10,000 for the opening celebration of the new municipal building, \$10,000 for a Rotary Club parade on Yonge Street next Canada Day.

Meetings are open to the public and Marilyn Meshberg, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, invited people to attend and make their views known. For times and places of meetings, call North York Information Department at 225-4611.

READERS' FORUM

The Jane Corridor does not have an editorial. This is a community paper and the Corridor believes that no one person can express the opinions of the community. READERS' FORUM replaces the usual editorial. You are the community — this is your page.

Write to READER'S FORUM about someone who did something nice—or about something good in our community.

Write to READER'S FORUM if you want to start a Bridge Club and you need a few more players.

Write to READER'S FORUM if you want to share a poem—or a recipe.

Write to READER'S FORUM to express your opinions on anything, issues large and small.

Letters on any and all subjects within the bounds of common decency will be welcomed. Our one restriction is space. Try to keep your letter to 100 words or less; longer letters will only be published if space permits.

Mail to the Jane Corridor, c/o 2134 Sheppard Ave. W., Downsview, Ont. M3N 1A4.

DELIVERING CORRIDOR GOOD EXERCISE

I like writing to you because I like my name to be in the Jane Corridor newspaper and I like people to read my article. I like to deliver the newspapers because it is good exercise walking from house to house. I also think it is fun meeting all of the people at each house.

I love school but every Tuesday I have to go to the lunch program and I think it is awful. We have to put our head on the desk and sit there for a very long time without saying a word. I always feel like eating outside.

Eric Steinbach
Tobermory Drive

the homeowner must have worked because there were no calls to North York council regarding this issue either before or after.

Great numbers of people protested the increased fare. It is a fact that the TTC will lose millions of riders as a result of the increase. Nevertheless, Metro Council gave the TTC and Mr. Warren permission to increase the fares not just this year, but every year for the next five!

For your interest the following North York members of Metro Council were present and voted for the fare increase: Mel Lastman, Esther Shiner, Barbara Greene, Bob Yuill, Gordon Risk, Irv Chapman, Peter Clarke and Mike Smith. Only Ron Summer voted against the increase.

Peggy Gemmell
Hullmar Drive

HOMEOWNERS ZAPPED AGAIN!

November 1st, Metro Council voted to increase the cost of fares on the Toronto Transit System rather than increase the property tax by 1 mill.

On the surface this sounds like our politicians are doing their duty and protecting property tax payers from unnecessary increases. However, a closer look will show that the homeowner ends up paying anyway.

Who is the property tax payer?

Not only the individual who owns a home — the business community also own property and pay property taxes. The Bell Telephone Co., IBM, Toronto-Dominion Bank, Elderbrook Developments — all are property tax payers.

Many besides those who ride the TTC benefit from having a good public transportation system. Real estate values are increased. Businesses find it hard to attract and keep staff without the

bus 'at the door'. Developers cannot develop until adequate transportation service is provided.

Now — who are the people who use the TTC?

Usually, they are students, pensioners, people who cannot afford a car, or a growing number of people who choose not to drive because they are concerned about the environment. Most of the time they are also homeowners or dependents of homeowners, but almost never are they a corporation, or a business, or a developer.

The increase in the tax bill for an average individual homeowner would have been under \$10.00 per year. If only one person in your home uses public transportation to get to work or to school, the increase will cost \$18.00 per year. In either case, it is the homeowner who will foot the bill for the increase, not the business community.

The pretence of protecting

What-More Highrise?

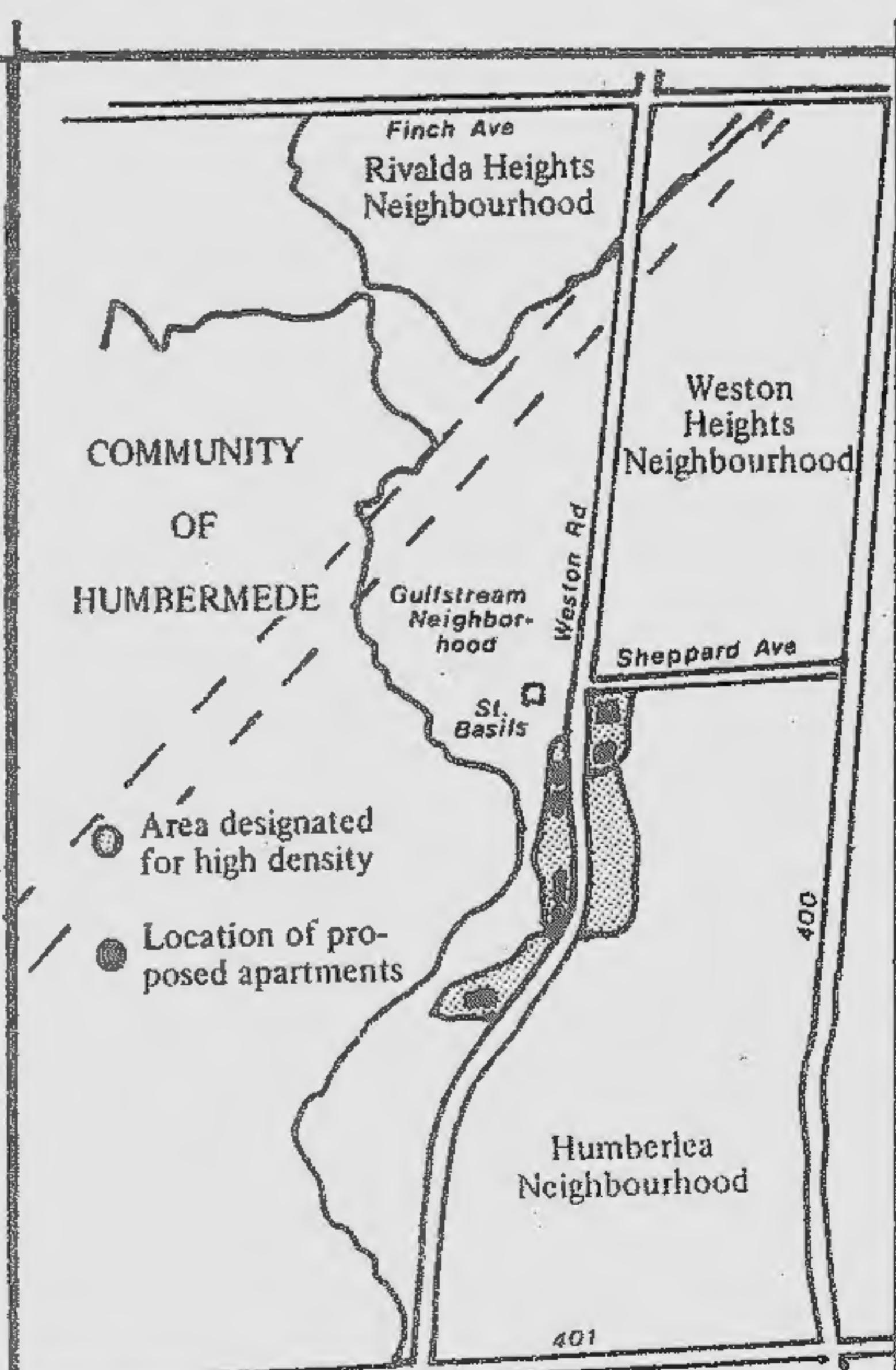
by Sharon Morgan

Five developers have submitted proposals for eight buildings on Weston Road south of Sheppard and have requested changes in zoning to allow for the maximum density of 75 units per acre.

Residents of the Humbermeade neighbourhoods have learned some lessons from the Jane-Finch struggles and are organized to oppose the kind of haphazard development on Weston Road which has created much havoc for old and new residents of Ward 3.

On June 15th, 1200 people attended a Planning Board hearing at St. Basil's High School to oppose the proposed zoning changes from single family to high density. The community emphasized the following points:

1. The dangers of building on narrow ravine lands, where there are presently many examples of how the taxpayer has had to bear the costs of repairing land slippage, long after the builder has made his dollar and departed.
2. The effect on the Humberlea neighbourhood of an extra 6000 people, essentially doubling the present popula-
- tion, disrupting the stability of the neighbourhood and making demands on the taxpayer for extra recreation and social services needed in high density areas.
3. Weston Road, a curving 4-lane road with a 25 mph (40 KPH) speed limit is already heavily used all day long by industrial and residential traffic. Lack of visibility on this road makes getting in and out of driveways a hair-raising experience. What on earth will 1215 extra cars a day do?
4. Both high schools are over-



Since the June meeting the community has formally petitioned North York for a down-designation of the area in the District 10 Plan, to reflect the present single family zoning. At a Planning Board meeting on October 26th, the application was refused but the Board did recognize that the present plan for this area is inadequate. Thus the Board will re-open the discussion on November 9th to look for alternatives to the straight high density designation of these Weston Road lands.

WARD 3 UPDATE

by Pat O'Neill, Alderman

During my first year as your alderman, our community has won a few issues and lost a few, with some still to be resolved. I will try briefly to bring you up to date on the issues you elected me to work on.

Development

1. On March 14th, North York Council rejected the developers' application to build 6 highrise apartments on the northwest corner of Jane Street and Finch Ave. The developer has appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board and the appeal will likely be heard in the spring of 1978.

2. BP Oil was granted permission by the courts to build a self-serve gas bar in the Norfinch Plaza in spite of the objections of North York. The final decision rests with you, the consumer. If you object to this company arrogantly overriding the Borough's decision, I suggest you boycott the gas bar.

3. A proposal has been made for a funeral home adjacent to Northminster Baptist Church and Black Creek. How do you feel about this idea?

Recreation

1. The Driftwood Community Centre opened this spring and is now offering programs 7 days each week.

2. The pool at Yorkwoods Gate Community Centre has been rebuilt and will be in use next summer.

3. Approval was given by Council for the ice pad and pool at Stanley Road. The architect has been appointed and a meeting will be held in the community as soon as preliminary plans are prepared. A taxpayer's appeal against North York's capital budget has delayed this project for several weeks.

Traffic and Transportation

1. A limited bus service has been operating for several months in the Driftwood-Niska area. In the new year, the service will be expanded to provide a direct route to the Spadina Subway.

2. An intensive traffic study was conducted in the Driftwood-Grandavine community on May 12th under guidelines laid down by area residents. The study showed that almost 90% of the traf-

fic was internally generated. Grandavine residents were not satisfied with the results and have asked for the bridge to be closed to through traffic during rush hours. Your comments, please.

3. Studies are being made of traffic on Sheppard Ave. and Spenvale Drive. I will let you know what the results are soon.

4. I am still pressing for a crossing guard at Driftwood and Finch. More pressure is needed to win this. Call the School Crossing Office of Metro Police at 967-2180.

5. Traffic lights have been installed at Jane and Drift-

wood and traffic lights have been approved for Sheppard and Oakdale Road.

6. A replacement bus shelter at Shoreham Drive will be constructed shortly. Several others have been requested.

7. Permit parking is still under discussion.

8. My motion opposing the TTC fare increase was defeated at North York Council. Only Marie Labatte, Marilyn Meshberg, and Betty Sutherland supported me. If you are concerned, why not call the Mayor and Controllers to let them know how you feel.

York-Finch Hospital

As a member of this year's Board of Governors, I would welcome your comments, positive and negative.

Taxes

As you know, taxes jumped this year, partly because Council decided not to risk bankruptcy any longer by using reserves, partly because of Provincial cutbacks. The Province continues to cut back. I would welcome any suggestions you may have on how to cut the budget for next year.

Spare School Space?

by David Logan, Trustee

It's great to have the "Corridor" back after an unfortunate absence, and I hope it is now set for a long stay in Ward 3. During the last year, a great deal has happened in our area's schools and I hope to bring you up to date on new people and programs in future "Corridors". Today, let's talk about space.

Ward 3 has a strange problem. Some schools such as Stanley, Spenvale and Calico have declining enrolments and substantial vacant space, while just blocks away, Firgrove and Westview are bursting at the seams. The Mini-

stry of Education has allocated money to solve the elementary school problem but will not release this money until all the problems can be solved.

The Ministry plans to finance a new St. Frances de Sales, allowing the Public School Board to regain all of the old and new Firgrove. This will provide excellent accommodation for all the students at Firgrove and St. Frances de Sales. The money will not be available however, until the problems of vacant public school space and crowded separate schools in the south end of the ward

have been solved. We hope this has now been achieved by a plan for the joint use of Stanley Road Public School, which will relieve St. Jane Frances Separate School. The plan eliminates the overloading at St. Jane Frances and still leaves space in Stanley for extra programs. The proposal has been agreed to by the Public School Board and needs only the acceptance of the Separate School Board for implementation.

Next month I will tell you what we are planning to do for the overcrowding at Westview; and I hope at that time to report that our elementary school space problems are finally resolved.

SCHOOL NEWS

Jane Council Formed

by Nancy Gemmell

Student Council was formed in early October by electing two representatives from each Constellation, and adding two Grade 7 representatives who were chosen last year in Grade 6 from each feeder school. School-wide elections were held for President. There were three candidates, Manuel Berger, Nancy Gemmell, and Anna Taraborelli. After a lot of hard work on their campaigns, the votes were cast and counted and Anna was declared the 77/78 President of Jane Jr. High's Student Council. A few days later the student council met to decide who would be Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. They elected Nancy Gemmell as Vice-President, Arlene Hinds as Secretary and Javed Faruqui as Treasurer. Since then the council has been busy planning dances, movies, and run-

ning a sales contest.

Top salesman was Shaun McArthur who sold 115 chocolate bars to win an AM/FM radio. Proceeds from the sale will be used to lower prices for all activities such as ski club trips, cost of year book, etc., so that more

students can afford to participate.

So far, two movies have been presented at Jane - the Pink Panther movie "A Shot in the Dark" and "The Sting". The next activities will be the movie "Orca" and a Christmas dance.

BIG, BUT NOT BAD

by Chris De Souza

Westview has come a long way. It has grown - no doubt in relationship to the community of 50,000 people it serves. Because of the growth of Ward 3, Westview's population has increased from a mere 600 to a large 2,800 in a span of 10 years.

There have, of course, been a lot of problems because of the number of students in attendance. Last year when I.D. cards were introduced, there was a lot of hostility expressed by firecracker explosions, bomb threats, fires, and walkouts.

The main attraction this year is the famous shift schedule. Last year, when it was only gossip, everyone predicted similar hostility. Now many people must be

wondering what the student's reactions are to this new schedule. I think at the moment, those who have classes from 8:00 am until 2:10 pm don't mind because they finish school early, and those who go to school from 10:10 am till 4:20 pm don't mind because they are able to sleep in.

The students of Westview should be congratulated on their mighty effort to adjust, and cooperate, and keep their sanity intact. So far, there haven't been any evident problems of vandalism, drugs, racism and that is absolutely fantastic for a school this size. When a school completely distorts its schedule and the end result is survival, there has to be something said for the people who make the system work.

YAP Elects New Board

by Stephen Rumm

Youth Action Project (YAP), as advertised, did hold its Annual General Meeting at Yorkwoods Gate Community Centre on October 19th. At the meeting, a constitution was adopted and the following people were elected to the Management Board: Kirthie Abeyesekera, George Bartlett, Biagio Costigliola, Cynthia Keddie, David Klinger, Kevin Roxby, Colin Rambly-Smith and Rosanne Steinbach.

One of YAP's program objectives this year is to train volunteers for work in youth-oriented programs.

At present, we are operating an after-four program two days a week for the students of Topcliff Public School. The children participate in recreational and sports activities, are given remedial support for reading and math, and are taken on out-trips of a recreational and sometimes cultural nature.

The program is run by volunteers who come from

the community, the university, offices in the area, and from Westview Centennial Secondary School. Concerning the high school volunteers, we are impressed by the ability, the caring, and maturity displayed by these students in helping the program to be a success. In the near future, we will be supplying volunteers to two other after-four programs in cooperation with other groups.

By mid-January, we will be starting an Assisting Youth Program. This program will link older youth and adults with people younger than themselves who are in need of special support relationships. Anyone wishing to assist in developing this program or being a volunteer, please contact Stephen Rumm at YAP, 743-9500.

YAP is now housed in the Youth Clinical Services Bldg., 800 Oakdale Road - opposite Westview Centennial Secondary School.

CALENDAR

December 8th & 9th

JANE JR. HIGH - Orchestra and Band playing concerts in Gosford, Blacksmith, Shoreham & Driftwood schools.

December 13th & 14th

WESTVIEW CENTENNIAL presents their annual Christmas Cabaret - true cabaret entertainment, food, drink, and

a bazaar. Admission \$1.00.

December 16th

JANE JR. HIGH - Student Council's Christmas Dance.

December 20th

OAKDALE JR. HIGH - Christmas Concert; performances by orchestra and band, and a play. 8:00 pm.

Articles will be welcomed from students or teachers about school concerns. Mail to The Jane Corridor

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECK THE HALLS

On December 3rd a special Christmas event at Yorkwoods Library. From 10 to 12 am, make Christmas decorations and crafts; from 2 to 3 pm, decorate the library's tree; and from 3 to 4 pm, carol singing with folk singer, Honey Novick.

THEATRE

Theatre 5 presents Woody Allen's "Play it Again, Sam" at Yorkwoods Library on December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at 8:30 pm. Admission \$3.00 adults; \$1.50 students and seniors on December only.

DANCE

Black Creek Venture Group will hold their Christmas Dance at the Driftwood Community Centre on Friday, December 23rd, at 8:00 pm. Admission 75cents.

CABARET

Westview Music Supporters present their annual Christmas Cabaret. At Westview Centennial Secondary School, Oakdale Road, December 13th and 14th. True Cabaret entertainment, food, drink, and a bazaar featuring inexpensive exotic gift items. Admission \$1.00.

Hey Good Buddies -

If you know your "squeches" from your "ANL's", the North York Citizens Band Association has a "10-44" for you. Formed last spring the 155-member N.Y.C.B.A. is actively expanding their membership. For Crazy Willie, Broken Chair and Taxi Queen meeting the face behind the voice (and their families) was reason enough to organize the association. Since then the club has met Sunday mornings at the Driftwood Community Centre for donuts, coffee and "ratchet jawing". Planning group outings (convoy), projects for area Senior Citizens, and establishing contingency plans for emergency radio-search assistance for missing children is being

directed by club president Irene Fryer. For more information be sure to write to the N.Y.C.B.A. at P.O. Box 1214, Station B, Weston, Ontario. O.K. 10-4!



Left to right: Bottle Baby, Screwdriver, Delta Lady and Wild Cherry; alias Diane Caughlin, Albert Skinner, Irene Fryer and daughter, Sherry. (Photo by Bill Waicus.)

TINY TODDLERS' BAZAAR

by Nancy Giasson

Home baked goods, knick knacks, and a wide variety of crafts will be on sale at a Christmas Bazaar to be held on December 10th at 15 Tobermory Drive. The bazaar will be opened from 11 am to 2 pm and is a fund-raising project for the Tiny Toddlers Club. The mothers of the Tiny Toddlers Club are also raising money through the sale of 'Look 'n Cook' cookbook, a collection of some of their favorite recipes.

Tiny Toddlers Club is a program for mothers and preschoolers in this area that is intended to give the mothers of small children a chance to get out, to meet new people and learn new things, while their children meet separately. The children work with crafts, play games, go

on outings, and generally socialize with others their own age under the supervision of excellent staff.

There are presently five Tiny Toddler Groups operating in the following areas: 15 Tobermory Drive, Yorkwoods Community Centre, Palisades, 335 Driftwood and Driftwood Community Centre. The groups meet weekly and mothers pay a small fee to help cover the costs of materials. Each group decides on its own activities with everyone able to speak freely. This has produced a warm and fun group. Some of the activities of the mothers have been visits to the Youth Clinic and Sunnybrook Hospital; picnics, hikes, skating, swimming; guest speakers from Dellcrest Children's Institute and St. John's Ambulance; lessons in makeup, low cost nutritional

cooking; parties, yoga, and, of course, preparing for bazaars.

The club has become so successful that it has doubled in size this year.

FIFTH YEAR FOR BIRTH CONTROL CLINIC

This fall is the 5th year of operation of the Birth Control and Family Planning Clinic, now located at 2115 Finch Avenue West, Suite 107. (Adjacent to York Finch Hospital.) Telephone 741-4391 for appointment. The hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9 pm.

The major purpose of the clinic is to provide sufficient information and counselling about methods of birth control and related areas, enabling women and their husbands or partners to make an informed choice about the

best method of birth control for them.

A physician, a public health nurse and a registered nurse staff each clinic. The atmosphere is warm and friendly. The service is free and confidential.

NEW LOUNGEOPENS
Comfortable furniture, a piano, television and library have transformed a room in the Driftwood Community Centre into a lounge for Senior Citizens. Men and women 60 and up are invited to join. Membership is \$1.00 per year.

The lounge is open weekdays between 1 and 5 pm. Its bingo time on Mondays,

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and on Wednesdays members play euchre. A general meeting is held the first Monday of each month to discuss

NORTH YORK SCHOOLS NEED YOUR ADVICE!

That's the message—and a lot of North York residents are responding. Although the two-month "Operation Dialogue" project is only a few weeks old, about 20 public meetings have been scheduled already to help formulate the future goals of the North York Board of Education.

People attending these meetings have a chance to see the new special colour slide presentation on North York Schools. But, more importantly, they can have their views about the schools recorded. They are telling us about what's right, what's wrong, and where the Board of Education should be making changes in the next five years or so.

You can get a copy of the preliminary draft "Goals of Education" and more information about how you can pass on your opinions by calling 221-6239. If you don't want to write (see address below), please call the "Operation Dialogue" special number. You can have your comments automatically—and anonymously—recorded any time of day or night until December 15.

Write to:
Mrs. Sue Hunter,
Research Assistant,
Educational Research Department,
21 Eddifield Avenue,
Willowdale M2M 2M5

Or Call
the "Dialogue" number:
221-5543

You are invited to attend and participate in public meetings on the future of North York schools. Here's a partial schedule:

Nov. 30
(8:15 pm)

— Fleming Family of Schools Parents and Staff, Ledbury Junior High School, 95 Falkirk Avenue

Dec. 1
(8:00 pm)

— Vanier Family Staff and Parents, Don Valley Junior High School, 3100 Don Mills Road

Dec. 8
(7:30 pm)

— Cresthaven Public School, 46 Cresthaven Drive

Dec. 12
(7:30 pm)

— Firgrove Public School Parents, 270 Firgrove Crescent

K. Kinzinger
Director of Education (Designate)

J. Treasure
Chairman of the Board

SUMMER / FALL 1977

UPDATE

PROGRAM FOR HANDICAPPED

During the summer, Black Creek Venture Group ran a recreational program for handicapped children aged 7 to 18 years at the Driftwood Community Centre. Each Thursday from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, the children swam, played games, used the gym, and did some arts and crafts. Despite wheelchairs and crutches, they had a ball!

The program was so successful and the staff were so pleased, that the program is beginning in November to run through the winter as well. Anyone interested should contact Black Creek at 663-0292.

CANADA DAY

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Day cake was cut by Alderman Pat O'Neill and Mr. Rajanayagam, first president of the C.S.A. and the evening concluded with the singing of both countries' anthems.

On July 2nd, 150 young people continued the celebration with a disco dance held at Yorkwoods Gate Community Centre. Funding for these events came from the Borough of North York and Wintario.

CANADIAN CULTURE

On October 15th, the Seneca/Jane Project presented Canadian Roots, a day-long program of learning and entertainment exploring aspects of early Canadian culture and its impact on the Canadian of today. Over 100 people attended, some from outside Metro.

The conference was divided into 9 workshops: making of the Ontario landscape; old energy sources made new; evolution of Canadian business; family histories; early Canadian gardens; Waterloo farmers explorations in Mennonite culture; black heritage in Canada; restoration and history of the Rockwood Academy; and Canadian folk music and stories.

The dinner of early Canadian foods was prepared with the assistance of the 1904 Restaurant, Rockwood, Ontario, specialists in early Canadian meals.

The day ended with a lively evening of traditional Canadian folk music with the Maple Sugar Group, including Graham and Eleanor Townsend on fiddles, Dorothy Hogan, and others.

matters of general interest and to plan special events.

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